

# House Resolution 33 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY BERRY, RAECKER, KRESSIG, WIENCEK, and KELLEY  
1 3 A Resolution honoring Jimmie Porter, founder of  
1 4 Afro-American Community Broadcast, Incorporated.  
1 5 WHEREAS, in 1977 Jimmie Porter founded  
1 6 Afro-American Community Broadcast, Inc., KBBG=FM 88.1,  
1 7 to provide a quality informational, cultural, and  
1 8 instructional broadcast service for the citizens of  
1 9 Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and northeast Iowa, with  
1 10 emphasis on information concerning health, education,  
1 11 welfare, music, and other issues and events that  
1 12 disproportionately impact African-Americans,  
1 13 minorities, and the disadvantaged, and to provide the  
1 14 unique opportunity for northeast Iowa citizens to  
1 15 become more accurately informed about minority persons  
1 16 and to share with them the rich artistic achievements  
1 17 of African-American culture; and  
1 18 WHEREAS, KBBG=FM was incorporated to fulfill the  
1 19 needs and interests of ethnic minority people, to  
1 20 teach about Black culture and lifestyles, which had  
1 21 not been accurately represented in the media, and to  
1 22 educate listeners through its public affairs  
1 23 programming in accordance with its tradition and its  
1 24 motto "Communicate to Educate"; and  
1 25 WHEREAS, KBBG=FM conducted its first equipment test  
1 26 of 10 watts of power on July 26, 1978, allowing the  
1 27 station to transmit within a five-mile radius; and  
1 28 WHEREAS, on October 22, 1994, a groundbreaking  
1 29 ceremony took place for KBBG=FM's new broadcast  
1 30 facility in Waterloo, Iowa, and on February 21, 1996,  
2 1 KBBG=FM moved into its new facility and made its first  
2 2 broadcast on that same day; and  
2 3 WHEREAS, KBBG=FM celebrated another milestone on  
2 4 July 10, 1998, with a mortgage burning ceremony; and  
2 5 WHEREAS, upon completion of the digital conversion  
2 6 fundraising campaign, on March 30, 2005, KBBG=FM  
2 7 became a licensed, high-definition public radio  
2 8 station providing audio streaming via computer through  
2 9 the internet at [www.kbbgfm.org](http://www.kbbgfm.org); and  
2 10 WHEREAS, today, celebrating 30 years in business,  
2 11 KBBG=FM is the largest African-American-owned and  
2 12 -operated, noncommercial, educational, community radio  
2 13 station in the State of Iowa, with high-definition  
2 14 broadcast power, serving Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and  
2 15 northeast Iowa within a 60-mile radius, and with  
2 16 internet streaming, is a global broadcaster with  
2 17 listeners in Switzerland, Germany, Africa, and other  
2 18 countries; and  
2 19 WHEREAS, with its Power to Move II capital building  
2 20 expansion campaign, KBBG=FM enters a new era, training  
2 21 and educating the youth of Iowa for tomorrow's  
2 22 workforce in electronic media, communications, and  
2 23 broadcasting, while developing strong work ethics and  
2 24 leadership skills; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 26 That the House of Representatives honors Afro-American  
2 27 Community Broadcasting, Inc., KBBG=FM 88.1, on the  
2 28 occasion of its 30th anniversary in business and its  
2 29 commitment and dedication to serving the citizens in  
2 30 the African-American communities at home, throughout  
3 1 Iowa, and the world; and  
3 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an  
3 3 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for  
3 4 presentation to Jimmie Porter.  
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